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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 120

Introduced by Senator De León

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 120—Relative to Year of the Community.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 120, as amended, De León. Year of the Community: developmental disabilities.

This measure would proclaim the year of 2014 as the “Year of the Community,” and would declare that the Legislature will actively promote the rights of persons with developmental disabilities and their full inclusion into community life.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Forty-five years ago, the State of California enacted
2 the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, a bold
3 new direction in public-private partnership that fundamentally
4 changed and dramatically improved the quality of life for people
5 with developmental disabilities and their families and that would
6 become a model for the nation; and

7 WHEREAS, The vision to enable people with developmental
8 disabilities to live full, productive, and satisfying lives as active
9 members of their communities was embodied in a statewide
10 network of community-based services and supports with regional
11 centers playing the role of the coordinating hub; and

12 WHEREAS, California's first pilot regional centers for
13 delivering services and supports to persons with developmental
14 disabilities, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, and San Francisco
15 Aid for Retarded Children, were established in 1966, marking the
16 beginning of the regional center system; and

17 WHEREAS, By their achievements, the pilot centers proved
18 the merit of the regional center concept and led to the introduction
19 of Assembly Bill No. 225 in 1969, which enacted the Lanterman
20 Mental Retardation Services Act of 1969, which is currently known
21 as the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act
22 (hereafter Lanterman Act), and which established the statewide
23 system of services for persons with developmental disabilities;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, The statewide system was designed to be organized
26 at the regional level and to produce a dynamic network of local
27 services and supports; and

28 WHEREAS, The increased availability of services and supports
29 in the community precipitated the state's shift from nearly total
30 reliance on large state institutions to a regional service system in
31 which more than 99 percent of children and adults with
32 developmental disabilities receive all of their needed services and
33 supports in the community; and

34 WHEREAS, The regional center system was intended to provide
35 individuals with developmental disabilities with services and
36 supports that are innovative and cost effective, that result in growth
37 and development, that improve the quality of life, and that support
38 inclusion into community life; and

39 WHEREAS, During the decades following the passage of the
40 Lanterman Act, the service system's evolution was enabled by

1 advances in knowledge and technology and by the increasing
2 recognition of the right of people with disabilities to choice and
3 full participation in society, including the rights of children to live
4 at home with their families; and

5 WHEREAS, The 21 regional centers in California continue to
6 expand and diversify their services while serving over 265,000
7 persons with developmental disabilities and their families; and

8 WHEREAS, The service system has grown increasingly
9 complex, requirements for service providers have grown in
10 sophistication, and expectations for services have become more
11 rigorous due to advances in knowledge and technology; and

12 WHEREAS, The 45th anniversary of the signing of the
13 Lanterman Act is an appropriate time to reaffirm our commitment
14 to the act, and renew our investment in the community system;
15 now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
17 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the year
18 of 2014 as the “Year of the Community” and the beginning of a
19 decade of renewed commitment to both the vision of the Lanterman
20 Act and the investments needed to ensure a sustainable future for
21 California’s community service system; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Legislature will actively promote the rights
23 of people with developmental disabilities and their full inclusion
24 into community life in California; and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
26 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.